



GORDON F. CAMPBELL
... First Reader

Church Official Elected

Gordon F. Campbell of Santa Monica was named First Reader of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass. Announcement of his election to the three-year term was made at the annual meeting of The Mother Church which brought together Christian Scientists from across the United States and overseas. As First Reader, Campbell will conduct the Sunday services and Wednesday evening testimony meetings. At Sunday services he will read from

the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. THE NEW Second Reader, Mrs. Elizabeth Vera Gorringer, a Christian Science practitioner of London, England, will read from the Bible during Sunday services. They succeeded Arthur P. Wuth of Denver, Col. and Mrs. Josephine Carver of Boston. Campbell has served for the past year as a member of The Christian Science Board of Lectureship. A native of Glen-

dale, he is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles. He first joined a branch church in 1926 and has served as soloist, chairman of the executive board, First Reader, and in other capacities. In 1953 he withdrew from his work as a voice teacher to devote his full time to the public practice of Christian Science healing. He became an authorized teacher of Christian Science in 1958. Three years later he was appointed to the Board of Lectureship.



RALPH E. WAGERS
New Church President

Progress Keynote Of Church Meeting

Gratitude for spiritual growth and progress was the keynote as Christian Scientist from many countries attended the annual meeting of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., Monday afternoon. Uncompromising reliance on the unlimited resources of God, Spirit, opens the way to the permanent solution of every human problem. The Christian Science Board of Di-

ctors emphasized in a special message. BEARING WITNESS to these incidents of spiritual healing read at the meeting. They included healings of pernicious anemia, tuberculosis, pleurisy, diabetes, cancer, and mental illness. Also reported were healings of alcoholism, broken bones, deafness, heart trouble, and impaired vision. Named President of The Mother Church for the coming year was Ralph E. Wagers of Boston and Chicago. A native of Michigan, Wagers is a well-known Christian Science teacher, practitioner, and editor. He traveled throughout the world as a Christian Science lecturer prior to becoming Associate Editor of the Christian Science religious periodicals in 1959. In addition to his work as an editor, he is currently heard on the international radio series "The Bible Speaks to You."

The major challenge of the hour is spiritual deficiency which would tempt men to seek their highest good in materialism, Mr. Wagers told the meeting. DIVINE RESOURCES are ever available, he declared, "to meet the basic needs of mankind, as well as to fulfill the spiritual hunger of the human heart." Stressing the vital importance of a deeper, more practical application of the spiritual teachings of the Bible, he said, "Let us go beyond mere formal religious devoutness and achieve the spiritual-mindedness that enables us to minister to the people's spiritual needs as Jesus did. This is the way in which all physical, moral, social, and economic needs may be adequately met. Then the power of Spirit over the flesh will be demonstrated, and we shall be so occupied in this grand ministry that the threats of materialism will be silenced and the voice of spiritual Truth will become increasingly articulate to us."

The need for spiritual vision and courage in an age of continuous change and adjustment was underscored by Mrs. Mary Lee Gough Nay, of Boston, who served as President for the past year. "TO MEET the challenges and responsibilities of our time," she said, "demands the actual application of high moral and ethical teachings. Moral teachings which rest on the spiritual recognition of God as the only Mind, and of man as His perfect likeness, are absolute, unchanging, and apply with equal effectiveness to the problems of every age." More than 800 radio stations throughout the world now carry programs in the new series "The Bible Speaks to You" on an every-week basis, according to Will B. Davis, manager of Committees on Publication. He announced the start of a Spanish version of the series in Buenos Aires beginning next month.

HURRICANE "Carla" in Texas, February storms and floods in Germany, and the trouble in Cuba were cited by Roy Garrett Watson, treasurer, as occasions for relief work. "During the past year," he said, "The Mother Church has extended help on many occasions from its Relief Fund, which is used for charitable and benevolent purposes in any emergency or necessity which may arise..." Students from nearly 400 colleges and universities in 16 nations attended the biennial meeting in The Mother Church in September, 1961, it was reported.

New publications were announced, including an Indonesian edition of "Unity of Good" by Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science; Japanese and Indonesian editions of The Herald of Christian Science; and an Italian edition of The Christian Science Quarterly. Lawrence A. Gipson, aviation electronics technician, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Gentry of 1533 W. 205th St., was graduated recently from the Aviation Electronics Technician School at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis Tenn.

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